

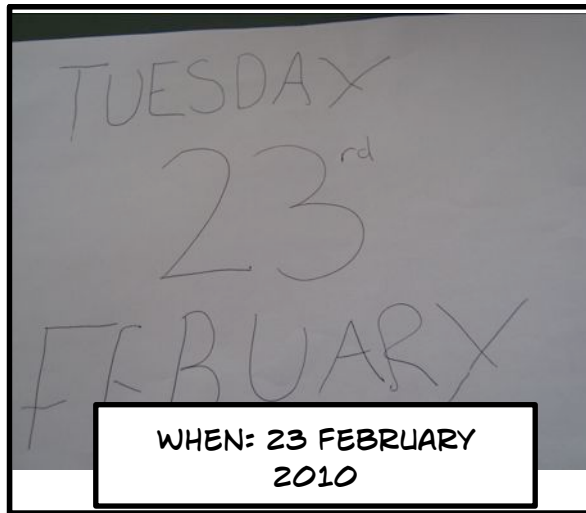
WOW! ITS COB BRIGHT



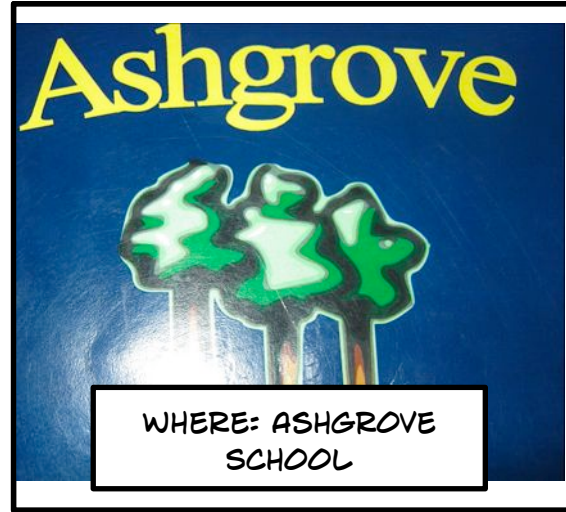
WHO: ROOM 21



WHAT: MAKING COB BRICKS



WHEN: 23 FEBRUARY
2010



WHERE: ASHGROVE
SCHOOL



WHY: RUNAWAY
SETTLERS

HOW: MIX

* SOIL

*SAND

*STRAW

*WATER

LEAVE TO DRY IN SUN

ORIENTATION:

IT ALL BEGAN ONE WARM AFTERNOON ON 23 FEBRUARY 2010 WHEN MISS HARRISON WAS READING THE STORY 'THE RUNAWAY SETTLERS' TO THE CHILDREN IN ROOM 21.

MRS PHIPPS AND HER FAMILY LIVE IN A COB COTTAGE. I WONDER WHAT COB IS AND HOW YOU MAKE IT?

MISS HARRISON REMEMBERED THAT THERE WAS A COB COTTAGE IN AMBERLEY AND STARTED FORMULATING A PLAN TO MAKE COB BRICKS WITH ROOM 21.

"MAKING COB BRICKS SOUNDS LIKE FUN" EXCITEDLY WHISPERED THE CHILDREN OF ROOM 21



SEQUENCE OF
EVENTS:

MISS HARRISON COLLECTED ALL THE INGREDIENTS NEEDED TO MAKE COB BRICKS, AFTER CHECKING ON THE INTERNET FOR INSTRUCTIONS. SHE TOOK ROOM 21 OUTSIDE ON A VERY HOT AFTERNOON - 23 FEBRUARY 2010 AND ASKED FOR INTREPID VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH EACH STEP.



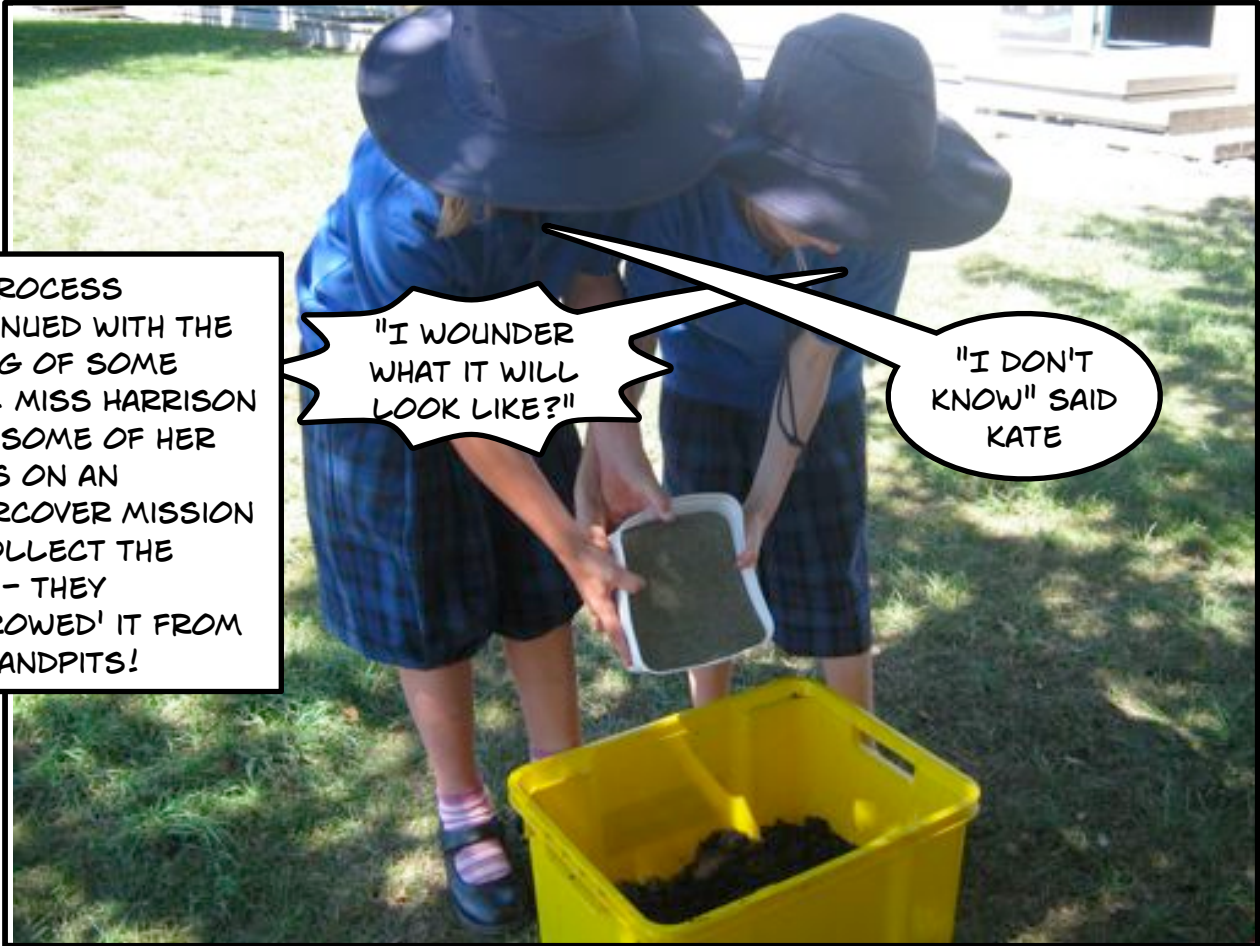
MAGGIE AND CASSIE VOLUNTEERED TO PUT THE FIRST INGREDIENT INTO MIX. "I'M GLAD WE'RE NOT MAKING A MUD CAKE" EXCLAIMED CASSIE!

DANIEL AND LUCAS BEGAN BREAKING THE LUMPS UP AND FOUND SOME STONES AND A WRIGGLY WORM!

"CHILL OUT" THOUGHT LUCAS.



"OOH IS A WORM!!" SHOUTED DANIEL.



THE PROCESS CONTINUED WITH THE ADDING OF SOME SAND. MISS HARRISON SENT SOME OF HER CLASS ON AN UNDERCOVER MISSION TO COLLECT THE SAND - THEY 'BORROWED' IT FROM THE SANDPITS!

"I WOUNDER WHAT IT WILL LOOK LIKE?"

"I DON'T KNOW" SAID KATE



AFTER THE SAND HAD BEEN ADDED IT HAD TO BE MIXED IN WITH THE SOIL - GROANS OF DELIGHT CAME FROM ROOM 21 AS THEY WATCHED EXPRESSIONS OF HORROR CROSS THE GIRLS' FACES!

"AHHHH!!!!!!
GET ME OUT
OF HERE"

"OOHH! IT'S
LUMPY"

THEN IT WAS TIME TO ADD THE STRAW. THIS WAS TO GIVE THE BRICKS STRENGTH AND TO ALSO MAKE THEM GOOD INSULATORS. MISS HARRISON EXPLAINED THAT MEANT THEY WOULD KEEP THE HOUSE WARMER IN WINTER.

"AH AH THEO"

"OOHH! IT IS OLD"



"THERE'S TOO MUCH STRAW IN HERE - WE'D BETTER PUT SOME BACK"

"I'M TIRED"



"STILL TOO MUCH STRAW!"

"OOHH! NOT AGAIN."



"THIS IS SO HARD TO STIR"





"I'M GOING TO HAVE TO SCRUB MY HANDS TO GET THIS OFF"



"OOHH THAT'S NICE1!!!!!"

FINALLY THE LAST INGREDIENT - WATER!
ROOM 21 WERE AS KEEN AS MUSTARD TO VOLUNTEER FOR THIS PART. THEY ALL WANTED TO GET THEIR HANDS DIRTY!



"AH I GOT MUDDY HANDS!"

WHEN IT WAS ALL MIXED IN ROOM 21 AGREED THAT PERHAPS THERE WAS A BIT TOO MUCH WATER IN THE MIX.



NOW IT WAS TIME TO MAKE THE BRICK SHAPES FROM THE MIX. MISS HARRISON SHOWED THE CLASS WHERE TO FILL THE ICE-CREAM CONTAINERS UP TO AND THEN THEY GOT TO WORK. IT LOOKED LIKE MESSY FUN!



"FILL IT UP TO THE LINE"

"THE MIXTURE FEELS VERY STICKY. I HOPE I DON'T GET ANY ON MY UNIFORM!"



"ALL DONE"



"I'M SLOPPY"

CONCLUSION:

LET'S GO
WASH

THEY
DESERVE
A WASH

THE BRICK MAKERS
WERE HAPPY BUT
VERY MUDDY!

ROOM 21 HAD FINISHED THEIR OWN
VERSION OF COB BRICKS AND NOW ALL
THAT WAS LEFT TO DO WAS LET THEM
DRY IN THE SUN.

"WE ARE
DONE!!!"

COB BRICK MAKING HAD BEEN A MESSY, BUT FUN WAY TO STEP BACK IN TIME AND SEE
HOW THE EARLY SETTLERS LIVED. ROOM 21 WERE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING JUST
HOW THEIR BRICKS WOULD LOOK AFTER THEY HAD DRIED.